



HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION NETWORK (HSIN):

Delivering Mission Success

Federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private sector, and international homeland security professionals rely on HSIN's unique features to meet their operational information sharing needs. HSIN is the information sharing solution that makes real-time collaboration possible and provides users with the critical data they need to deliver mission success.

Below are three examples of how HSIN has improved communications and information sharing across the homeland.



Daily Operations: **Human Trafficking Prevention**

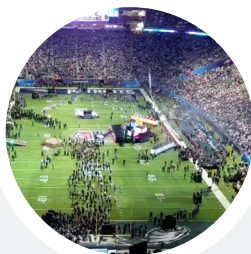
HSIN works with partners at all levels of government and in the private sector, providing resources to investigate human trafficking, make arrests and protect victims.

HSIN Solution:

- HSIN launched the Blue Lighting Initiative (BLI) site in support of the DHS Blue Campaign, connecting BLI partners across agencies and providing airline industry-specific training on how to recognize and respond to potential human trafficking victims.
- HSIN also supports hospitality and law enforcement partners with training, increased operational awareness and information sharing.

Impact in the field:

- Increased awareness and training leading to more tips to law enforcement, resulting in more victims identified and criminals prosecuted.
- Private sector partners in the airline industry use HSIN to provide training on the Blue Campaign's best practices on identifying human trafficking.



Planned Events: **Super Bowl LII**

In February 2018, HSIN supported Super Bowl LII security efforts for the Multi-Agency Command Center and facilitated collaboration across the Twin Cities metro area, including at NFL team hotels, NFL-sanctioned events, U.S. Bank Stadium and the FEMA Region V Coordination Center.

HSIN Solution:

- HSIN provided essential incident monitoring and overall situational awareness capabilities for partners at the Super Bowl Emergency Operations Center.
- To support event security, HSIN provided a common operating picture for federal partners from DHS, the FBI and other agencies to coordinate with local and state officials, and fusion center and local law enforcement.

Impact in the field:

- HSIN helped mitigate and manage risks, monitor activities and prepare for rapid response for more than 1,000 officials representing more than 100 local, state and federal agencies throughout the two-week period leading up to the game.
- HSIN's longstanding relationships with partners in Minnesota enabled the successful security operations around Super Bowl LII.



Emergency Response/Incident Management: **Hurricane Season**

When hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria and Florence made landfall in U.S. states and territories, partners relied on HSIN to aid in emergency planning, cross-jurisdictional coordination and search and recovery efforts. HSIN played a key role in hurricane response and recovery by providing up-to-date data and mapping information, which enabled first responders and other public safety officials to act rapidly and save lives, maintain security and protect critical infrastructure.

HSIN Solution:

- Geospatial tools to help emergency responders identify and target affected areas.
- Information sharing capabilities that allowed federal, state and local responders to coordinate recovery efforts.

Impact in the field:

- With more than 7,200 calls received by U.S. Coast Guard command centers and incident management teams during the Hurricane Harvey response, HSIN supported search and rescue missions across 1,507 miles, and supported 11,000 rescues by the U.S. Coast Guard.



AN INSIDE LOOK:

Working with Schools to Create a Plan for Safety

HSIN Mission Impact

With support from HSIN, effective planning and collaboration among state and federal agencies, local law enforcement and educational institutions has elevated the effort to keep schools safe in the event of an emergency, including in Georgia and West Virginia, where officials have created initiatives to enhance school safety using HSIN.

Suspicious Activity Reporting:

The Georgia School and Campus Safety community worked with HSIN Mission Advocates to create an i-Track School Safety tool, an event and lead management system that standardizes the data submission process and allows multiple agencies to work together on cases and incidents. When a tip comes into i-Track, a watch desk analyst reviews the information to verify the intelligence. The analyst can then send the information to local law enforcement and school resource officers as an alert via HSIN.

Response Plan Resources

In West Virginia and Georgia, partners are using HSIN to create centralized resources for responders across each state that host emergency response plans partners can access at a moment's notice.

Information Sharing Capabilities

Supporting school safety across states requires extensive collaboration and communication across multiple jurisdictions and diverse partners. Through HSIN, partners within each state can collaborate to prepare for, mitigate and respond to school emergencies. Educators and responders use HSIN to exchange information with one another regarding school safety. HSIN helps ensure that all partners have the most accurate and up-to-date information to monitor and protect every school.

Praise from the Field

"School safety coordinators have a somewhat unique role in Georgia due to their dual roles as law enforcement officers and emergency management professionals. During our strategic planning sessions, we established a goal to enlist them as central points of contact for all law enforcement school safety matters in tandem with the emergency preparedness and incident response teams."



Michael Polynice

HSIN Coordinator for the Georgia Emergency Management/Homeland Security Agency and Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC)

"The West Virginia School Safety community on HSIN provides a secure environment where each school in the state can house their crisis response plan and other sensitive data. It also provides an important capability that allows educators across the state to exchange information with other educators and emergency service personnel during the course of a normal day or in times of a crisis."



Jimmy Gianato

Director and Homeland Security Advisor of the DHSEM

